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MEANS WHAT HE SAYS.

During the past two weeks the News has published many editorial comments from the state press on the self-announced retirement of Congressman Davis at the close of the term for which he will next month receive a unanimous re-election. There is a unanimity of sentiment in the comments of these state editors which cannot be other than gratifying to Judge Davis.

This sentiment, in substance, is that the people of the state approach even the thought of his retirement with keen regret; that the place is his beyond dispute so long as he wills to keep it; that he has been a public servant whose faithfulness has never been questioned; that his abilities are such as to peculiarly fit him for valued congressional service and that his Washington experience is such that the state is bound to lose by his retirement and the consequent substitution of an untried man.

The only discordant element in these editorial opinions are the soft pedal sounds that some of them breathe concerning Mr. Davis's ambition to serve in the Senate or as Governor. Such suspicions are not unnatural when applied to the average politician. Men in high public office, it has been said, "sometimes die, but rarely resign." Mr. Davis will not, we trust, do the former act for many, many years, and he has a method of evading the latter by simply declining to stand for another nomination.

The News speaks by the card, for in a conversation with Judge Davis the other day he said that his interview in the Times-Union and Citizen, announcing his purpose to retire from Congress after his next term, had been given in the best of faith and that he hoped it would not be misconstrued. He further said that he was not posing, or shaping his course for any other office, and that he was not "playing politics." He expressed gratitude to the people for the honors they had conferred upon him and said that after his congressional career had ended he will take up the thread of his life where he left it when he entered the public service.

Coming from a man like Congressman Davis, who holds place and power by reason of his worth and great popularity with the people, and not through that peculiar ability—common to politician of the latter day—for manipulating caucusses and conventions, it would seem that his words might be taken at their full face value and not as the utterances of a man who had some deeply hidden and artful design up his sleeve.

WORST PHASE OF CORINTH'S BURNING.

Our great grand-children will doubtless read with a thrill of wonder how the fires of Smithfield were revived in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Two weeks ago at Corinth, Miss., another Negro was burned at the stake. Thousands of the "best citizens," men, women and children, it is said, looked upon the shocking tragedy.

The criminal had been guilty of a heinous double crime and had confessed it. Therefore, in the logic of these Mississippi people, they must also violate the law in his punishment.

But the awful phase of this holocaust is the effect upon the people who witnessed it. The executioners were not content with taking the victim's life. They must needs torture his body. And hundreds of little children looked on.

How shall one gauge the brutalizing effect of such a horror upon the sensibilities of a child? How shall parent or church or state crush a spirit of brutality bred by such a spectacle? What an awful sin to callous the tender heart of a boy or girl by familiarity with such savagery.

The burning of that Negro will do more harm to that community than all the churches and schools can neutralize in a decade. The churches and schools sow to the spirit; this brutality to the flesh. And of the flesh shall be reaped corruption.

With communities as with individual the law is the same. Whatsoever they sow they shall reap. They will reap not only what they sow but they will reap more than they sow. The people of Corinth have sowed savagery. They will reap barbarity—it may be a hundred fold.

REVENGE IS SWEET, 'TIS SAID.

This is the story of a jealous wife as retold from a paper published in a western town.

A wife in that town was almost insanely jealous of her husband. She had no need to be because her husband was so ugly of face that sight of it would stop a clock. But jealousy takes no account of the fitness of things.

She imagined all sorts of delinquencies, among them that her husband was making love to the hired girl. She determined to detect him in the very act and article.

One evening she saw her husband pass quietly into the kitchen. The kitchen was dark and the domestic was out. Taking a few matches in her hand, the jealous wife hastily arranged a shawl over her head, after the manner of the servant, went around the house and entered the back door of the kitchen.

She was seized and embraced in an ardent manner. Kisses were rained on her face.

With her heart almost bursting with indignation she took a long breath preparatory to administering a rebuke to her faithless spouse and leaving him in fine scorn.

She tore herself from the fond embrace, struck a match, stood face to face with the guilty wretch, with a look on her face like that of the man who said to King David, "Thou art the man," and found herself confronted with—the hired man!

Moral: "Be sure you're right then go ahead."

NOT MUCH USE IN BEING KING.

If kings read the newspapers—and as most of them can read it is but fair to presume that they do—some of the information must make the shivers chase up and down their spinal columns. For the king business is not as good as it used to be.

Most of the thrones of Europe buck at times worse than a Texas broncho. Only the fellows who have a good seat and an army that runs into the millions are sure that the next morning will not find them looking for work.

The other day King George of Greece was hauled into court because he hadn't paid his dog tax. What do you suppose would have happened if a court had tried that on old King John in his palmy and murdering days? In fancy one can see a row of gibbets sufficient to contain the court, the jury, the constables, all their near relatives and a few neighbors thrown in for good measure. What is the use of being king if one is not allowed to walk on the grass?

George was very meek. He hadn't paid his dog tax because he didn't know there was a dog tax that could reach a king. The court told him that ignorance of the law excused no one; told it as plainly as he would have given the information to one of our sixth ward negroes with a mongrel pup. King George paid the tax and a fine to keep out of jail.

King Leopold of Belgium is arrested and fined often for running some one down with his automobile. Recently he was put off a train for attempting to ride first-class on a second-class ticket.

King law is practically played out in Europe, except in lands that are ruled by despots. In its place has come the peoples laws that are not respecters of persons. The instant these laws are annulled for royalty or for a class that claims to be more than mere men, the people's cause has suffered. The people know it, and that is why King George had to pay his dog tax. The law that is good enough for the whole people should be good enough for a king.

JUST LIKE A MORMON.

Adam (we forget his other name) never did a meaner thing in all his life than when he laid the responsibility of his fall upon his wife. The consciousness of his mortal sin did not, however, affect his enjoyment of the "apple," and he had no more gallantry than a rabbit.

But a modern man has been found fully as mean as the first lying sinner. He is John W. Young, father of William Hooper Young, the alleged brutal murderer of Mrs. Pulitzer. He announces that he will defend his son to the limit of his ability. That's creditable. Any true father would do that.

But note the mean side of the man. He lays the blame of his son's downfall upon the boy's mother. This mother, by the way, who was John W. Young's first and only lawful wife, repudiated Mormonism and fled from Utah because polygamy revolted her. She sought a new life where her conscience would not accuse her and where her woman's pride would not suffer hourly humiliation. A woman with a bad heart would not have done that.

But Young says that if Mrs. Young had remained with him the son would not have degenerated. Perhaps not.

But perhaps Zola's avatism comes in right here. Perhaps heredity had something to do with the boy's waywardness.

The young man is the grandson of Brigham Young. And the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children even to the third and fourth generation.

At any rate it is a cowardly thing to lay the blame of his son's crime upon the woman who left home and friends for conscience sake and to get away from a scoundrel who, while a libertine by nature, carried on his liaisons in the name of God and his religion. Could such a man be other than a coward?

HIS KIND OF A WIFE.

Oliver D. Rogers, an Ohio man, recently lost his wife and, so the story goes, has written the Maryland bureau of immigration for another one. Mr. Rogers seeks a new mate who will cause the desert of his heart to blossom as the rose and incidentally take care of himself and his two boys.

The applicant knows precisely what he wants and publishes his plans and specifications as follows:

"She must be a good, charming woman, one that is chummy, aged from 20 to 25 years, good, healthy and good looking; must be neat and lovely; must have a lively disposition with height five feet four inches, weight 140, dark hair, neat build and a good, lovely woman."

Exactly. Most of us would be willing to open bids on those terms. Mr. Rogers' modesty is only exceeded by his excellent judgement. But why impose the statute of limitations? If she be charming and chummy why not specify 25 to 65 years? And this particularity as to weight? If she be "neat and lovely" what are a few pounds avertedpods more or less?

And, moreover, if she be of a "lively disposition" why cut off the pattern at five feet four inches? Will he put a "good, lovely woman" on a Procrustean bed and shorten or stretch her to suit?

It is greatly to be feared that Mr. Rogers will be disappointed in his ideal woman notwithstanding the fact that he is making \$1.07 a day wages and can furnish "a recommendation."

If he continues in his strenuous way he is likely to find himself in the situation of the old maid who, it is alleged, prayed at eventide for a husband. An owl in a nearby tree began to hoot, "Who! who! Ah?" Whereupon the eager spinster replied:

"Anybody, anybody, Lord."

Gen. E. S. Bragg, consul-general at Havana has been transferred to Hong Kong, China, because of the criticisms he made on the Cubans. If he does not like the Chinese at first glance it is probable that he will take a second look before he condemns them.

After searching the records the coal operators discovered that the president has no reputation as a quitter. So they quit the game themselves after consulting J. Pierp.

Gleanings.

Seven Ages Of Man.

"They are seven ages of man," said Charcoal Eph, after figuring it out for a while, "I say an old man, a second, ramp-aging, fourth, pillage; fifth, court-age; sixth, marriage; seven, dot-age; an' he win' up jes' whah he stabled, Mistah Jackson."—Baltimore News.

Remarkable Charity.

One of the most remarkable charities in the world has just been started on the east side of New York city by Samuel Lifter, himself a comparatively poor man. Lifter has opened a restaurant in which he will serve 5-cent meals to all comers, and says he will give credit to all who are unable to pay this small sum.

"All that I require is the person's word that he will pay at some future time," said Lifter to a New York World reporter the other day. "When I give him food and credit at the same time. By demanding that he pay I save him humiliation, and he can say that he did not get his meal or meals for charity. The hungry man preserves his self-respect."

He Was Irish, Too.

Joe O'Gorman, the Irish comedian, now playing at England, is unusually witty. He has an imaginary friend, Flanagan, in the wings, and Flanagan is the hero of every tale. It once happened that Flanagan was in a decidedly "lower water," so he asked a circus proprietor to give him work.

"Our biggest lion died last week," said the lord of the arena, "but we kept his skin, and if you like to get into it and be shown as a real live lion you can have the job."

Flanagan agreed. At the first show the circus proprietor stepped into the cage and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, to prove the docility of this roaring lion I'll order him into the same cage as a ferocious tiger!"

Flanagan protested, but the circus proprietor threatened to run him through with a sword. Flanagan was driven into the same cage as the tiger. He fell upon his knees and cried, "Spare me!"

Then the ferocious tiger jumped to his feet and answered: "Ye needn't be afraid o' me! Sure, I'm an Irishman myself!"—Chicago Tribune.

"Dave" Hill's Misfortune.

Recently some one gave away the secret of David Bennett Hill's misfortune. The story ran that Hill had never kissed a woman in his life. When he read the yarn a Washington man remarked to the Daily Times:

"David B. Hill was my candidate for president until I read that in all his life he had never taken a drink of liquor, smoked a cigar, or kissed a woman."

"Now my idol I find is made of clay, for certainly none but a clay man could live for sixty-odd years and never have experienced the pleasures of osculation."

"A man who is a woman hater is too stern and austere, too cold and hard-hearted to make himself beloved by the people over whose destinies he presides. He could never be a popular president like McKinley."

I have seen Hill several times, and he is a good looking fellow. I wonder why it is all of the fair sex have so long overlooked him. No; not Hill for me any longer."

The Handwriting on the Wall.

The following scene shows the wonderful descriptive power of the late Emile Zola. It is from Germinie, a book of weird, lurid, diabolical force, which has been called "the handwriting on the wall for France and England," as regards their social arrangements:

"The furnished coal miners are on strike and meet at night. Old Bonnemort, one of the most powerful creatures in the book, a man whose mind, body and character are utterly distorted by 50 years in the mines, addressed the crowd, and then Etienne Maheu, another miner, speaks."

"He was terrible. Never had he been so violent. With one arm he supported old Bonnemort; he held him up as a flag of starry and misery, demanding vengeance. He went back to the first Maheu; he described his family used up in the mines, devoured by the company, more famished by a hundred years of toil than before. Then he sketched the directors rolling in money, the shareholders with nothing to do, but look after their pampered bodies. Was it not frightful? Thousands of men dying underground in order to pay for luxuries. He described the maladies of the miners with horrible details—scrofula, black bronchitis, stinking sores, and rheumatism with paralysis. But an army rising from the bowels of the earth, a harvest of citizens which would scatter the earth in all directions one glorious day. And we would know then if, after forty years of toil, they dare offer \$30 pension to an old man, the head of a family, whose legs were swollen through working for years in water! The clamour of the crowd was now so great that people at Montsour heard it and looked toward Vaudance, filled with inquietude, and fearing an explosion had occurred. Night birds flew over the heads of the trees, in the clear, moonlit air."

The strike fails; the following description of the return of the men to work shows the gloomy power of Zola.

"Little by little the dead road became apoplex, the miners passing continually. The company, they said, abused its victory. After a strike of two months, conquered by famine, when they returned to the mine, they had to accept the new tariff which disguised a fall in their wages, execrable now, because stained by the blood of their comrades. They had stolen an hour of their work, they had made them break their oaths never to surrender, and that perjury stuck in their throats like a bag of gall. Work recommenced everywhere. Everywhere, in the mist of the morning, along roads drowned in darkness, the men stumbled, with noses to the ground, like sheep going to the slaughter house. They shivered under their canvas clothes; their legs trembled under them; their backs were bent, and the load carried between the shirt and blouse made them appear humped. And in that universal return to work, in those mute shadows, all black and gloomy, without a laugh, without a look around them, one divined teeth clenched with rage, hearts swollen with hate; it was only a surrender to the brute necessity of the body."

Unique Judge Sidenor.

Characteristic conclusions by Judge George B. Sidenor of the First district police court of St. Louis: Any wife has a right to search her husband's pockets if he fails to provide her with a reasonable amount of cash.

A woman has a right to kiss a man at any time or place.

A wife has a right to assault her husband when he says harsh words to her. If he swears at her she is privileged to beat him.

A dog has a legal right to bite any one who teases or maltreats him.

Any man has a right to kick his mother-in-law from his premises if she interferes with his family affairs. Unique things which Judge Sidenor has done to bring him into public notice.

Subpena a mule to come to court. Provided a separate part of his court room for women.

Attempted to secure a woman jury and a woman lawyer to try cases of human interest.

Allowed a prisoner of considerable vocal talent to sing in court, thus paying his fine for disorderly conduct.

Sentenced a man to a horsewhipping. The lash was administered by the man's wife, under the supervision and direction of the judge, who acted as a referee to call time. The man had been arrested for wife beating.—New York Herald.

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Remedy For Malaria.

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"A remedy for malaria which is said to be very efficacious, particularly for those who cannot take quinine, is a wineglass of the best port wine upon which has been sprinkled as much cayenne pepper as the patient can stand."

To Our Subscribers.

Those of our subscribers who are in arrears will please settle up as soon as possible. It is no light task to send out hundreds of bills, and if possible, we desire to avoid the labor and expense incident to such an undertaking. Many of our subscribers are delinquent because they give the matter no thought. They probably think that a dollar is a very small sum and that it will not be missed, but they overlook the fact that there are hundreds of others in a like position and that the aggregate of these small sums is very large, the withholding of which is a matter of much importance to us.

We trust, therefore, that our readers will understand the necessity of paying up at once without further request. The figures opposite to the name will show the date to which the subscription is paid; thus, 10-20-01 shows that you are paid up to October 20, 1901, and that you owe a year's subscription. If there should be any error in the credit the mistake will be rectified. We are desirous of bringing our list up to date, and we request our subscribers to assist us in doing this by promptly remitting what they owe without putting us to the expense and annoyance of sending out bills.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

Tax Deed Under Section 8, of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida. Notice is hereby given that W. S. Middleton, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 1256, dated the 31 day of July, A. D. 1899, has filed said certificate in tax office, and has made application for tax deed in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to wit:

All blk 55, Satsuma. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of Fla. Finance Co. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1902.

Witness my official signature and seal this 17th day of Sept. A. D. 1902.

(Seal) JOSEPH PHILIP, Clerk of Ct. of Putnam County, Florida.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA—IN CHANCERY.

Godday Thomas vs. BHI for Divorce.

Answering by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Godday Thomas the Defendant therein named is a non-resident of the State of Florida, and that the residence of the Defendant is unknown, and that she is over the age of twenty-one years, and that there is no person in this State, the service of a subpoena upon whom would bind said Defendant; it is therefore ordered that said non-resident Defendant be and is hereby required to appear to the bill of complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday the First day of December, A. D. 1902, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said Defendant.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for eight consecutive weeks in the Palatka News and Advertiser a newspaper published in said county and state.

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HENNIS PETERMAN, Registration Officer.

July 27th, 1902.